

Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner Announce Results of "Operation Clean Sweep" in Rocky Point

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17 Streetlights and Over 100 Signs Repaired, One Ton of Trash Removed from Neighborhood

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP



Supervisor Mark Lesko (right) with Traffic Safety and Street Lighting Director Lynn Weyant (second from left), Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Quality of Life Task Force Director David Moran and Town employees newer-striping a crosswalk during the launch of Operation Clean Sweep in Rocky Point

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner have announced the results of Operation Clean Sweep in Council District 2 in Rocky Point, which was launched during a press conference held on Monday, June 27. "Operation Clean Sweep" is a coordinated program spearheaded by the Town's Quality of Life Task Force with the goal of improving the quality of life throughout Brookhaven. The first "Operation Clean Sweep" took place the week of April 11 in Town Council District 3 in Selden.

The Operation Clean Sweep target area in Council District 2 was bordered on the north by Locust Drive, south by Route 25A, east by Water Road and west by Apricot Road.

Over the course of two weeks, Town employees:

- Replaced 121 street signs
- Fixed 17 street lamps
- Upgraded 84 streetlights with energy efficient lights
- Re-striped nine crosswalks and created one new crosswalk
- Removed one ton of trash

The Town's Department of Waste Management cleaned up debris from two properties in the Operation Clean Sweep

target area and the Town will charge back to the property owners for the cost of the clean-ups. The Quality of Life Task Force also addressed litter issues, unregistered vehicles, parking on lawns and boats in the front yard, but these have been corrected by the property owners. In addition, they are investigating a number of properties in the area for various issues including zoning and outdoor storage.

"Our second Operation Clean Sweep was a great success and I thank the Quality of Life Task Force for working with the Departments Waste Management and Traffic Safety to give this neighborhood a make-over," said Supervisor Mark Lesko, "Through Operation Clean Sweep, we will continue to clean-up our Town, one neighborhood at a time."

Councilwoman Jane Bonner said, "Our employees did a wonderful job during Operation Clean Sweep and I appreciate their efforts to help make a difference for the residents of Rocky Point. The work they did has improved the quality of life in the community and made it safer for everyone."

The recent Operation Clean Sweep in Rocky Point was the second of six that will be held in each Town Council District. The remaining are:

- July 2011: Council District 1
- August 2011: Council District 6
- September 2011: Council District 5
- October 2011: Council Districts 1 and 4

Supervisor Lesko established the Quality of Life Task Force in June of 2009 to aggressively enforce the Town code to prosecute serial offenders, eliminate blight in neighborhoods, and shutdown suburban slumlords. From June 2009 through December 2009, fines levied on code violations increased by 170% compared to the same time period in 2008. In 2010, the Quality of Life Task Force continued its success. Compared to 2009, fines levied in 2010 nearly doubled to almost \$1 million. Fines are levied through tickets issued to property owners with properties that have seriously unsafe or hazardous conditions.

If residents believe that a property is in violation of any Town of Brookhaven codes, they can call 451-TOWN to file a complaint. To learn more about Operation Clean Sweep, visit www.brookhaven.org.

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